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SOUTH CAROLINA,

HELD WITH THE

CAMDEN BAPTIST CHURCH,

NOVEMBER 25-28, 1880.

BAPTIST COURIER BOOK AND JOB PRINTING OFFICE.

OFFICERS, 1880-81.

President, B. W. EDWARDS,Darlington,	S.	C.
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Location—Greenville, S. C.

NEXT MEETING:

At Anderson, on Thursday before the Fourth Sunday in November, 1881. Introductory Sermon: B. G. Covington or G. F. Williams. Missionary Sermon: Charles Manly or W. C. Lindsay.

COMMITTEES:

On Obituary Notices—J. R. Leavell, R. N. Pratt, J. F. Buist, T. J. Taylor, E. H. Cuttino, J. H. Edwards, F. O. S. Curtis, N. N. Burton, J. C. Browne, R. R. Vann, J. W. Stribling. D. T. Smith, J. M. Norris, J. S. Croxton, W. B. Mack, T. P. Lide, jr., D. W. Hiott, J. D. Pitts, M. L. Ball, I. W. Wingo, J. L. Vass, H. M. Allen, A. McA. Pittman, A. M. Noble, John Stout, B. G. Covington.

On Foreign Missions—Chas. Manly, B. G. Covington, W. J. Alexander, R. M. Robinson, R. W. Lide.

On Home Missions—O. F. Gregory, C. T. Scaife, C. H. Judson, C. C. Brown, J. W. Perry.

On Sunday Schools—W. C. Lindsay, T. P. Bell, T. J. Price, M. L. Ball, W. D. Rice.

MINUTES.

FIRST DAY.

THURSDAY MORNING.

CAMDEN, S. C., NOVEMBER 25, 1880.

The Convention met and was called to order by Bro. B. W. Edwards, President, who read the 103d Psalm.

The hymn beginning,

"God of the world thy glory shines,"

was sung and Bro. H. C. Smart led the Convention in prayer.

The names of delegates were enrolled:

ROLL OF DELEGATES.

ASSOCIATIONS:

Abbeville—J. S. Jordan, H. C. Smart.	2
Barnwell—W. D. Rice, J. G. Williams	2
Charleston—C. A. Stiles, R. H. Riley, Thos. P. Smith, E. R. Le-	
sesne, J. A. Chambliss, L. H. Shuck, William Thayer, D. W. Cuttino,	
E. H. Cuttino, W. J. Snider, H. T. Pittman, J. W. Perry	12
Chester—R. W. Sanders, J. H. Edwards, W. J. Waters, A. M.	12
Cartlege	4
	2
Colleton—F. O. S. Curtis, M. R. Stone	2
Edgefield—G. F. Williams, W. B. Shaw, N. G. Cooner, N. N. Bur-	
ton, T. P. Shaw, M. Q. Norris, J. P. Mealing	7
Edisto—E. W. Horne, John C. Humphries	2
Fairfield—R. R. Vann, W. C. Lindsay	2
Greenville—C. Manly, D. C. Hardin, J. A. Hoyt, J. C. Smith, A.	
S. Townes	5
Moriah—A. S. Willeford, J. S. Croxton, G. W. Gardner, D. A.	
Williams, S. C. Clyburn, Joel Hough, A. T. Latta, J. M. Hough	8
Orangeburg—W. B. Mack, W. G. Mack, H. J. Davis	3
Pee Dee—J. A. W. Thomas	1
Piedmont—D. W. Hiott	1
Reedy River—M. E. Broaddus, J. R. Leavell, L. Broaddus	3
Saluda—I. W. Wingo, T. P. Bell, J. B. Clarke, W. W. Keys, W.	0
H. Strickland.	5
Santee—M. L. Ball, J. W. McCurry. M. A. Smith, M. A. Metts,	3
C. S. Eagerton, T. V. Walsh, J. W. Perry	6

Savannah River—Fred. Jones	1
Spartanburg—A. B. Woodruff, L. C. Ezell, J. L. Vass, W. P. Smith	4
Union—R. M. Robinson, A. McA. Pittman	2
Welsh Neck—W. J. Alexander, John Stout, O. F. Gregory, B. W.	
Edwards, R. W. Lide, A. W. Parrott, J. L. Parrott, J. O. B. Dargan,	
L. D. Bass, J. H. Hicks, T. J. Price, D. H. Thomas	12
York—Walter F. Young, Thos. J. Downes	2
OTHER BODIES:	
Anderson S. S.—W. H. Strickland, W. W. Keys, J. B. Clarke, T.	
P. Bell.	
Batesburg ch.—N. G. Cooner, M. Q. Norris.	
Bethel ch.—L. C. Ezell.	
Camden ch —A. W. Lamar, J. P. Boswell	2
Cheraw ch.—O. F. Gregory.	
Chester ch.—S. B. Massey.	1
Greenville ch.—C. H. Judson, D. T. Smith.	2
Greenville S. S.—J. C. Smith.	
Hardeeville ch.—J. W. Bishop	1
Lynchburg ch.—C. S. Eagerton.	
Newberry ch.—J. R. Leavell.	
Orangeburg Union—R. H. Riley.	
Pendleton ch.—I. W. Wingo.	
Sumter Union—J. E. Rogers, M. L. Ball, J. W. Hawkins	2
Sugar Creek ch.—R. J. Boyd, J. T. Alexander, B. G. Covington,	
Thos. Davis	4
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Total	98
By unanimous consent the rules were suspended and the former office	cers

were re-elected by acclamation:

President, B. W. Edwards; Vice-President, T. P. Smith; Secretary, Luther Broaddus; Assistant Secretary, A. B. Woodruff; Treasurer, C. H. Judson.

On motion of Bro. J. O. B. Dargan, visiting brethren were invited to seats, and Bro. W. H. McIntosh, Corresponding Secretary Home Mission Board, Southern Baptist Convention, and Bro. R. H. Graves, missionary from China, were welcomed.

A short time was spent in devotional exercises conducted by Bro. J. L. Vass.

The following Committees were announced:

To arrange Preaching for the Present Meeting—A. W. Lamar, J. P. Boswell, J. W. McCurry, E. R. Lesesne, J. C. Smith.

On Accounts—M. J. Hough, F. V. Appleby, J. W. Bishop, J. W. Smith, M. Q. Norris.

On Time and Place of Next Meeting and Persons to Preach—H. C. Smart, J. H. Edwards. R. W. Sanders, J. C. Browne, F. Jones.

To prepare a List of Baptist Preachers in South Carolina and their Post Offices—W. J. Snider, A. J. S. Thomas, A. T. Latta, C. A. Stiles, D. W. Cuttino.

On nomination of Executive Board—John Stout, J. A. W. Thomas, I. W. Wingo, B. C. Lampley, L. H. Shuck.

On Applications for Membership—M. E. Broaddus, J. O. B. Dargan, D. T. Smith, F. Jones, A. J. White.

On motion, it was resolved that the introductory sermon be preached to-night, by Bro. J. L. Vass.

Bro. M. E. Broaddus offered some resolutions relative to Furman University, which, after remarks by Brethren J. O. B. Dargan and James A. Hoyt, were laid on the table.

The Report of the Executive Board was read by Brethren Lamar and Strickland, and, on motion of Bro. L. Broaddus, was referred to the following committees:

Present Condition of Work—W. D. Rice. J. S. Jordan, L. C. Ezell, Jno. C. Humphries, N. N. Burton.

Last Year's Work of the Board—M. L. Ball, J. B. Clarke, L. D. Bass, E. H. Cuttino, L. H. Shuek.

Instructions Asked For—Wm. Thayer, J. O. B. Dargan, J. W. Bishop, R. H. Riiey, O. F. Gregory.

Cash Plan—J. L. Vass, M. E. Broaddus, T. P. Bell, C. A. Stiles, H. C. Smart.

New Fields—John Stout, E. W. Horne, C. H. Judson, W. P. Smith, A. J. S. Thomas.

Student Missionaries from Seminary—T. P. Smith, I. W. Wingo, A. J. S. Thomas, J. A. Hoyt, J. S. Croxton.

Recommendations of the Board—J. A. Chambliss, D. T. Smith, R. W. Lide, G. F. Williams, A. T. Latta.

On motion of Bro. Strickland, a committee was appointed to audit the Treasurer's Report of the Executive Board. Committee: B. G. Covington, W. W. Keys and F. Jones.

The Committee to arrange preaching reported, and their report was adopted, as follows:

Committee on Religious Services recommend: 1. That we meet at 10 A. M., and adjourn at $2\frac{1}{2}$ P. M.; meet at 7 o'clock, and adjourn at pleasure. 2. That the Introductory Sermon be preached to-night, at 7 o'clock. 3. That at 12 o'clock each day we suspend business, and devote a half hour to devotional exercises.

A. W. LAMAR, Chairman.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Bro. Dargan.

Bro. Vass moved that the report on Foreign Missions be made the special order for Saturday evening, 7 o'clock.

Bro. Leavell moved to amend by striking out Saturday and inserting Sunday.

On motion of Bro. T. P. Smith, the matter was referred to the Committee to Arrange Preaching.

On motion of Bro. W. D. Rice, the report on Home Missions was made the special order for 12.30 to-morrow, and Bro. W. H. McIntosh was invited to speak in connection with the report.

The resolutions of Bro. M. E. Broaddus were taken from the table and made the special order for 10.30 Saturday morning.

After singing a hymn, and prayer by Bro. Graves, the Convention adjourned.

THURSDAY NIGHT.

The Convention was called to order by the President at 7 o'clock, and the Introductory Sermon was preached by Bro. J. L. Vass, from 2 Tim. ii: 1, "Be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus."

Bro. L. C. Ezell, in behalf of the Sunday School Institute, asked permission to publish the proceedings of that body in the Minutes of the Convention. The request was granted.

On motion of Bro. Judson, the printing of the Minutes was referred to the Executive Board.

The President announced the following committees to report next year:

Committees to Report at Next Meeting.

On Obituary Notices—J. R. Leavell, R. N. Pratt, J. F. Buist, T. J. Taylor, E. H. Cuttino, J. H. Edwards, F. O. S. Curtis, N. N. Burton, J. C. Browne, R. R. Vann, J. W. Stribling, D. T. Smith, J. M. Norris, J. S. Croxton, W. B. Mack, T. P. Lide, jr., D. W. Hiott, J. D. Pitts, M. L. Ball, I. W. Wingo, J. L. Vass, H. M. Allen, A. McA. Pittman, A. M. Noble, John Stout, B. G. Covington.

On Foreign Missions—Charles Manly, B. G. Covington, W. J. Alexander, R. M. Robinson, R. W. Lide.

On Home Missions—O. F. Gregory, C. T. Scaife, C. H. Judson, C. C. Brown, J. W. Perry.

On Sunday Schools—W. C. Lindsay, T. P. Bell, T. J. Price, M. L. Ball, W. D. Rice.

On motion of Bro. John Stout, the report on Woman's Mission was made the special order for 11.30 to-morrow.

After prayer by Bro. A. J. S. Thomas, the Convention adjourned.

SECOND DAY.

FRIDAY MORNING.

The Convention was called to order at 10 o'clock by the President. Psalm 121 was read, and

"Jesus, lover of my soul,"

was sung.

Prayer by Bro. W. H. Strickland.

The roll of delegates was read and corrected.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

Bro. H. A. Tupper, Corresponding Secretary Foreign Mission Board, S. B. Convention, and Bro. J. T. Ellyson, of the *Religious Herald*, were received and welcomed as visiting brethren.

Bro. J. L. Vass, from the Committee on "Cash Plan," reported and the report was adopted.

Bro. John Stout, from the Committee to Nominate an Executive Board reported, and the report was adopted.

Bro. J. A. W. Thomas, from the Committee on Obituaries reported, and the report was re-committed for amendment.

The Committee on "Present Condition of the Work," reported through Bro. W. D. Rice, and the report was amended and adopted.

Bro. M. L. Ball, from the Committee on "Last Year's Work of the Board," read their report, which was adopted.

Bro. J. A. Hoyt moved to amend the Constitution, and the motion was carried, as follows:

Amend Art. 3, so as to read:

The special objects named in the foregoing article shall be entrusted to an Executive Board, consisting of a President, a Vice-President, a Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer, an Auditor, and nine other members. The said Board, &c.

And that "Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer" be inserted in lieu of "General Agent" wherever the same occurs.

On motion of Bro. W. C. Lindsay, it was ordered that the Constitution be printed in the minutes of this meeting.

On motion of Bro. L. Broaddus, a committee to revise the Constitution and Rules was appointed, consisting of Brethren J. A. Hoyt, J. R. Leavell and W. C. Lindsay.

A communication from J. C. Hudson, Agent of the American Bible Society, was read by the Secretary and, on motion of Bro. Chas. Manly, was referred to the Executive Board

The hour for the special order having arrived, the report of the Central Committee on Woman's Missions was read by Bro. John Stout, and after remarks by Brethren Stout, R. H. Graves, R. W. Sanders, G. F. Williams, J. O. B. Dargan, L. C. Ezell and Chas. Manly, the report was adopted.

During the discussion the Convention engaged several times in prayer and singing, and thus occupied the hour set apart for devotional services.

The report on Home Missions, being the special order for half past twelve o'clock was read by Bro. J. O. B. Dargan, and after remarks by Bro. W. H. McIntosh and Bro, J. A. Chambliss, was adopted.

On motion of Bro. Chambliss the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That this Convention continues heartily in sympathy with the work of the Home Mission Board; that we renew to the Board the assurance of our help in every department of its work, and in particular, that we feel bound to contribute to the extent of our ability for the support of brother Hartwell in his Mission to the Chinese in California.

Resolved, That the Baptists of South Carolina ought to give, and by God's help will give at least \$3,000.00 to the Home Mission Board during

the ensuing year.

A collection was taken up for the Home Mission Board amounting, in cash and pledges, to \$108.20.

Bro. John Stout, from the Committee on Time and Place of Next Meeting, reported. Bro. M. E. Broaddus moved to amend the report by striking out Thursday and inserting Wednesday. On motion of Bro. L. Broaddus, the report was laid on the table.

Bro. J. A. Chambliss read the report of the Committee on "Recommendations of the Board." The report was taken up and acted on in detail. Remarks were made by Brethren L. Broaddus, A. W. Lamar, J. L. Vass, D. C. Hardin, E. W. Horne, J. H. Edwards, J. A. Chambliss, M. E. Broaddus, I. W. Wingo, W. C. Lindsay, Wm. Thayer, A. W. Parrott, J. O. B. Dargan and W. H. Strickland.

Pending the discussion of the third resolution in the report, the hour for adjournment arrived, and after prayer by Bro. L. H. Shuck, the Convention adjourned.

FRIDAY NIGHT.

The Convention was called to order at 7 o'clock, by the President.

On motion, the report of Bro. Chambliss, pending at the time of adjournment, was laid on the table, and the Convention receded to give place to a mass meeting in the interest of State Missions, which was conducted by Bro. W. H. Strickland, Corresponding Secretary, and at which addresses were made by Brethren Chas. Manly, F. Jones, G. W. Gardner, J. H. Edwards and J. L. Vass.

In view of the success recently attending efforts to raise funds for State Missions a collection in the form of a "thank offering" was taken up for the support of Bro. J. B. Hartwell in California. The collection amounted to \$250.00.

Immediately after the mass meeting the Convention adjourned.

THIRD DAY.

SATURDAY MORNING.

The Convention was called to order by the President, who read a part of 119th Psalm.

"Jesus keep me near the cross,"

was sung, and Bro. J. W. Perry led in prayer.

The roll was called, and the minutes of yesterday read and approved-Brethren Strickland and Lamar read their reports as Treasurers of the Executive Board, and, on motion of Bro. Vass, they were referred to the Committee on Accounts, with instructions to consolidate the two.

The hour having arrived for the special order, being the resolutions relative to Furman University, they were, on motion of Bro. Vass, laid on the table.

Bro. T. P. Smith, from the Committee on "Student Missionaries," read their report, which was adopted.

Bro. C. H. Judson read his report as Treasurer of the Convention, and after some explanation by him the report was adopted.

Bro. J. W. Bishop offered the report of the Committee on Accounts, which was adopted.

On motion of Bro. Chambliss, the report on "Recommendations of the Executive Board," was taken from the table, and after amendment offered by Bro. Vass, and remarks by Brethren Chambliss, Stout, Dargan, F. Jones, Strickland, and J. A. W. Thomas, was adopted as amended.

On motion of Bro. H. C. Smart, the report on Time and Place of next meeting was taken from the table.

The amendment of Bro. M. E. Broaddus was lost, and the report was adopted as follows:

Report on Time and Place of Next Meeting.

Time—Thursday before the 4th Sabbath in November, 1881.

Place—Anderson, S. C.

Introductory Sermon—By Rev. B. G. Covington.

Alternate—Rev. G. F. Williams.

Missionary Sermon—Rev. Charles Manly, D. D.

Alternate—Rev. W. C. Lindsay.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

H. C. SMART.

On motion of Bro. Strickland, the following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, We have listened with instruction and profit to the sermon of Bro. J. L. Vass before this Convention; Therefore,

Resolved, That he be requested to furnish a copy to $The\ Baptist\ Courier$ for publication, for general distribution.

Bro. Wm. Thayer, from the Committee on "Instructions Asked For," reported, and the report was adopted.

Bro. M. E. Broadus offered the following resolutions, which were adopted:

Whereas, The Greenville Female College, now under the Presidency of Prof. A. S. Townes, was founded by the Baptist State Convention of South Carolina, and is the only college for young women under the control and patronage of the Baptists at large in this State; therefore,

Resolved 1st, We cordially recommend it to the consideration and patronage of the denomination.

Resolved 2d, That we approve and commend the plan to enlarge its accommodations by the erection of additional buildings, and hope the movement will be liberally sustained by the contributions of our brethren and the friends of education.

Bro. W. J. Snider, from the Committee on Ministers' Names and Post-offices, read the corrections which had been made, and the list was ordered to be printed in the minutes.

Bro. L. Broaddus presented his report as Statistical Secretary, which was ordered to be printed in the minutes.

On motion of Bro. John Stout, it was resolved, that Bro. L. Broaddus be continued as Statistical Secretary at a salary of \$100.

The Report on Sunday Schools was read by Bro. D. T. Smith, and adopted.

Bro. John Stout, from the Committee on "New Fields," reported, and the report was adopted.

Bro. Jno. G. Williams presented a request from the Barnwell Association with reference to memorializing the Legislature on the subject of prohibition of the sale of intoxicating liquors, and moved that a Committee be appointed to prepare a memorial. On motion of Bro. John Stout, the matter was referred to a committee of five, consisting of Brethren Jno. G. Williams, W. J. Alexander, J. A. W. Thomas, Wm. Thayer and Chas. Manly.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Bro. J. A. W. Thomas.

The resolutions of Bro. M. E. Broaddus relative to Furman University, were taken from the table, but on motion of Bro. Broaddus, were again laid on the table to give place to the report of the Board of Trustees.

Bro. J. A. Hoyt, in behalf of the Board of Trustees, read their report in the form of resolutions adopted by the Board.

Bro. C. H. Judson, as Treasurer of the University, read in connection with this report a statement of the financial condition of the institution.

Remarks were made by Brethren Judson, M. E. Broaddus, Chambliss. Dargan, Smart, Thayer, J. A. W. Thomas, J. H. Edwards, Sanders, Croxton, Vass, A. J. S. Thomas and Stout.

On motion of Bro. J. A. W. Thomas, the rule providing for adjournment at half-past two o'clock, was suspended.

Further remarks on the resolutions of the Board of Trustees of Furman University were made by Bro. J. A. Hoyt, and after amendment, offered by Bro. L. Broaddus, the resolutions as amended were unanimously adopted as follows:

WHEREAS, The financial condition of many of the bondsmen of the University has very materially changed since the bonds were given, and the interest on many bonds is now nearly to 50 per cent. of the principal, and whereas: It is alleged that some bonds were given without a clear understanding of the conditions of the bonds, and of the benefits to be derived therefrom; therefore,

Resolved 1st, That the Treasurer be authorized to effect judicious compromises according to the various circumstances of the bondsmen, and according to their ability to pay.

Resolved 2d, That whilst authorizing the Treasurer to effect compromises as above, the Trustees still hold it to be the sacred duty of all bonds-

men to meet their obligations to the full extent of their ability.

Resolved 3d, That the Trustees will feel relieved from the obligation to continue free tuition with the consent of the bondsmen.

The Committee to Arrange Preaching, offered a report, and so much of it as provided for a mass meeting to-night in the interest of Foreign Missions, was adopted.

On motion of Bro. T. P. Smith,

Resolved, That the State Board be instructed to look into the condition of the Baptist Church building and Parsonage at Georgetown, and be authorized to take such steps as may by them be deemed necessary to hold to this Convention said property, and report to this body at next Annual meeting.

SATURDAY NIGHT.

The Convention was called to order by the President.

", Joy to the world,"

was sung, and Bro. H. W. Mahoney led in prayer.

The report on Foreign Missions was read by Bro. W. C. Lindsay, and a mass meeting in the interest of the Foreign Mission Board was held under the direction of Bro. H. A. Tupper, Corresponding Secretary, at which addresses were made by Bro. Tupper, and Bro. R. H. Graves, of

China, and a collection for Foreign Missions was taken up, amounting to \$180.36.

The President resumed the Chair, and the report on Foreign Missions was adopted.

Bro. J. A. W. Thomas submitted the report on Obituaries, which was adopted.

Bro. J. W. Bishop, from the Committee on Accounts, read the report consolidating the reports of the Treasurers of the Executive Board, which was adopted,

Bro. M. E. Broaddus, in behalf of the Committee on Applications for Membership, reported that there were no applications.

The Committee on the request of the Barnwell Association reported through Bro. Jno. G. Williams, and the report was adopted, as follows:

The Committee to consider the request of the Barnwell Association with reference to memorializing the State Legislature on the subject of prohibition of the sale of intoxicating liquors, report:

That the time remaining for the discussion of this question is too limited to make any further report than to express our confidence in the present Legislature, that it will do what in its wisdom will be best in this direction.

JNO. G. WILLIAMS, W. J. ALEXANDER, WILLIAM THAYER, J. A. W. THOMAS.

On motion of Bro. H. C. Smart, the election of delegates to the Southern Baptist Convention was referred to the Executive Board.

Bro. Hoyt, from the Committee to revise the Constitution, submitted a revised Constitution, which was adopted.

On motion of A. J. S. Thomas,

Resolved, That the thanks of this body are due, and are hereby tendered, to this community for the very hospitable manner in which they have entertained the members and friends of the Convention; to the several railroad companies for carrying the delegates at reduced rates; and to the other denominations of the place for the use of their houses of worship.

On motion of Bro. G. F. Williams, the following resolutions were adopted:

WHEREAS, The Agent of the Theological Seminary, who was confidently expected to be here in the interest of that institution, has not been present; therefore,

Resolved 1st, That the interest of this Convention in that institution, remains unabated.

Resolved 2d, That the collection taken after the sermon to-morrow morning be given to the Seminary.

G. F. WILLIAMS.

SUNDAY.

The Missionary Sermon was preached in the Baptist Church at 11 o'clock, by Bro. L. H. Shuck, from Matt. vi: 10, "Thy kingdom come." After the sermon a collection for the Seminary was taken up, amounting to \$40.

Appointments in other churches made by the Committee to Arrange Preaching, were filled by members of the Convention.

In the afternoon a Sunday school meeting was held, and addresses were made by Brethren H. A. Tupper, R. H. Graves and W. H. Strickland.

At night Bro. J. A. W. Thomas preached.

'Blest be the tie that binds,"

was sung, and the Convention adjourned.

B. W. EDWARDS, President.

LUTHER BROADDUS, Secretary.

A. B. Woodruff, Assistant Secretary.

REPORTS.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.

PART FIRST.

TO THE BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION:

Dear Brethren: When your body adjourned at Aiken on the 23d of last November, you had elected Rev. Wm. Henry Strickland as the Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer of the Executive Board. We all rejoiced in securing one so eminently qualified to fill the responsible position, and went to our homes confident as to the future success of State Missions in his hands. He was to have entered upon the work on the 1st of January, but when your Board met at that time they were greatly disappointed to receive a communication from Bro. Strickland declining to serve us. Thus the responsibility of filling the vacancy was thrown upon your Board. After much prayer and consultation we elected Rev. J. L. Vass, of Spartanburg, who also declined to serve. In the meantime our President and former Secretary, Rev. A. W Lamar, was requested to carry on the office work, and twenty-five dollars per month was allowed him for his services.

At a meeting of the Board on the 6th of April, Rev. Wm. Henry Strickland was requested to reconsider the matter, and the position was again offered him. Bro. Strickland did re-consider, and was unanimously re-elected to enter the field on the 1st of July. At that date he assumed the responsibilities of the work, and God has given him signal success. Everywhere he has been received with affection and enthusiasm, and under the influence of his stirring appeals the people have made generous donations to our work. For a full report of our work for the year we refer you to his report, which is herewith appended.

Failure of the Non-Agency Plan.

During the period when we were without an Agent from January to July, our President carried on the work as best he could by correspondence. Our receipts during that period of \$1,480.76, as compared with the period of brother Strickland's operations, furnish abundant evidence of the folly of attempting to carry on a work like State Missions without the services of a travelling agent. We hope that this year's experience will forever put the question of the "non-agency" plan at rest in South Carolina.

An Explanation.

At your last meeting our Treasurer's report showed that there was a deficiency of \$500 to be provided for by the 1st of January. His report was closed in the confusion of pressing business at the Convention, and

was based on such data as he had before him. After the report was submitted it was discovered that there were some deficiencies to Missionaries, aggregating \$230.59, which were not included in the calculation, as also the salary of the Corresponding Secretary for December, and a balance due him aggregating \$164.16. Besides, assets which he had counted as cash, to the extent of \$197.95, up to date have proved worthless. These amounts foot up \$592.70, and would have made our debt \$1,092.70, and not \$500 as stated. We trust that your body will pardon this discrepancy, as there was no intention to mislead you by the error in our Treasurer's report.

Receipts and Disbursements.

The total receipts at the office of our President from December 1st to July 1st, were \$1,480.76, which, added to the balance in hand (at close of his report, November 28, 1879,) of \$1,191.41, makes \$2,672.17. His disbursements amount to \$2,681.35, leaving a balance due him of \$9.18. For an itemized statement of these receipts and disbursements we refer you to his official report, which has been audited, and will be printed in the minutes in connection with the report of our Treasurer.

Recommendations.

- 1. We are clearly of the opinion that the office of Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer should be a bonded office. We, therefore, recommend that you require him to file with the President of the Board his bond for \$2,000, and that his salary be fixed at \$1,500.
- 2. We recommend that the time of your meeting be changed to Thursday before the second Sabbath in December.

Respectfully submitted,

A. W. LAMAR, President Executive Board.

PART SECOND.

Dear Brethren: On entering upon his duties on the 1st of July last, our Corresponding Secretary desired to visit all the missionaries in their fields of labor, and thus bring himself into intelligent sympathy with the work by getting a knowledge of the men, their stations and their wants; but as the Treasury was empty, and none of the missionaries had received anything on salary for 1880, this desire could not be gratified. There was but one other work that suggested itself as pressing—that was to enter the field as collector, and raise as much money as possible to meet the expenses of the current year.

Being inv ted by the Executive Board of the Saluda Association to spend the month of July canvassing their churches, he did so and raised in cash \$565.17. The balance of the time up to the present, he has spent in visiting churches, Sunday School Conventions and District Associations

with such success as the Treasurer's report will show.

Present Condition of the Work.

We are glad to report the work in prosperous and encouraging condition, with one or two exceptions. From the reports of the missionaries, we may

see that a good year's work has been done. We note with pleasure that an unusual interest has been awakened all over the State on the subject of State Missions—the churches and Associations everywhere, but especially in the upper portion of the State, have contributed more liberally to the work than ever before.

In this connection we compare the amounts given by Associations last year with their contributions for this year:

Associations.	1879	9. ∣	1886	Э.	Increa	se.	Decrea	se.
Abbeville	\$ 38	17	\$105	00,	\$ 66	83		
Broad River	5	35	142	41	137	06		
Barnwell	246	91	362	18	115	27		
Charleston	698	05	875	09	177	04		
Chester	176	77	290	17	113	40		
Colleton	23	81	14	78				03
Edisto	67	30	185	07	117			
Edgefield	173	74	442	15	268	41		
Fairfield	173	48	234	45	60	97		
Fork	88	76	61	52			27	24
Greenville	86	60	473	62	387	02		
Lexington								
Moriah	20	69	104	50	83	81		
Twelve Mile River	2	00	. 9	75	7	75		
Orangeburg	111	60	13	00			98	
Pee Dee	65	94	44	33			21	61
Piedmont	9	75	92	70	82			
Reedy River	173	50	488	75	315	25		
Saluďa River	289	46	987	67	698	21		
Savannah River	564	54	713	27	148	73		
Santee	565	42	311	45			253	97
Spartanburg	124	45	304	84	180	1		
Union	112	50	167	36	54			
Welsh Neck.	485	02	677	06	192	;		
Waccamaw.	30	00					30	00
York	43	20	255	00	211	80		
Orangeburg Union	150	00	170	00		00		

It is the earnest desire of your Board to adopt

A Plan of Cash in Advance

for all work done hereafter, beginning with January next.

At the meeting of the Reedy River Association in September last, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Association, it would be highly conducive to the interests of the State Mission work for the Board to adopt a cash system; and we therefore recommend them to use all proper means to liquidate the present indebtedness, and so to arrange the work for 1881 as to close the year with money in the Treasury.

This resolution has been substantially re-affirmed by the Chester, Green-

ville, Barnwell, Santee and other Associations, and by pastors and laymen throughout the State. We ask to be instructed by your body to carry out this plan, and "so conduct the work for 1881 as to close the year with money in the Treasury." This plan is possible. The State Mission Board of Mississippi has conducted its operations on this basis for some time, and pays its missionaries quarterly in advance, and closes the year with funds in the Treasury.

We have now

New Fields Opening

and begging aid, some of them giving promise of speedy returns for our investments, and we are anxious to respond to their calls, and will do so if

the means are furnished to us.

The work at Rock Hill and Lancaster C. H. is doing well, and many need some little assistance for another year. At Union C. H. we think it unnecessary to make further appropriations, trusting that the church there will be self-sustaining. At Yorkville a missionary has been stationed for one Sunday in the month for the last year. Something has been accomplished, but not a great deal, and we are waiting the action of the York Association, through the Executive Committee, with whom we have cooperated, as to further continuance of effort there.

It affords us pleasure to note that

The Sunday Schools are becoming Helpers in Our Work.

Since the 1st of July last, twenty-seven schools have contributed, aggregating \$427.47. May we not look for greater assistance from this source, as the children are made to know the destitute sections of our State.

Colportage Work

Has been carried on to considerable extent, but at some loss to the Board, and we deem it best in future to confine this feature to the gratuitous distribution of tracts.

Seminary Students.

We have had employed during their vacation five young ministers from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. They report much accomplished in every instance. Their salaries have been raised in part in some cases, and altogether in others, on the field of their operations. All have returned to the Seminary to renew their studies, with one exception. We are anxious to continue this work as far as practicable, feeling assured that it is one of the very wisest and most successful features of our work.

For amount of contributions by Associations see Appendix "A."

For Treasurer's report see Appendix "B."

Extent of Operations in Present Year.

Twenty-eight missionaries have been employed in various parts of the State, receiving salaries according to circumstances, from \$25.00 to \$350.00, paid in part by Associations and in part by the State Board. They have occupied 99 Stations; preached 1821 sermons; made 2177 pastoral visits; held 441 prayer meetings; organized 27 Sunday schools; made 205 Sunday school addresses; made 578 addresses on other religious subjects;

organized 1 church; report 420 conversions in connection with their labors; baptized 293 persons; traveled 26,936 miles in discharge of duty; received compensation from Board \$3,716.45; from churches and Associations \$2,795.00; labored 2519 days, and held 82 revival meetings.

For itemized report of their labors, see Appendix "C."

We report with pleasure that almost every Association in the State has contributed to our Board during the present year, and all without exception, are in sympathy with us. We feel sure that the indifference and opposition to State Mission Work is growing less with each year; pastors and churches are co-operating with us cheerfully, and we devoutly trust that the future of our State Missions is brighter and more inviting than ever before.

Cost of Conducting the Work.

The actual cost of conducting the work for the past five months has been \$794.18, which is 11½ per cent. upon the whole collections. If it be considered that the Corresponding Secretary is himself a Missionary and one-half his salary and travelling expenses be regarded as invested in this department of the work, then the expense of running the machinery is reduced to 5½ per cent., which will compare favorably with the business management of any commercial interests with which we are acquainted. In this connection we give the ministerial and missionary work performed by the Corresponding Secretary:

Sermons preached, 93; addresses made, 83; religious visits, 152; miles traveled, 5,086; conversions reported in connection with his labors, 25; baptisms, 25; days of labor in the field, 125; revival meetings engaged in, 3; Sunday school Conventions visited, 3; churches visited, 44; Associa-

tions visited, 16.

We feel profoundly grateful to Our Heavenly Father for his favoring smiles, through which we have been able to conduct so successfully this great enterprise, and to bring it to so favorable an issue.

Asking for instructions on difficult questions and praying God's blessing

upon your deliberations, we remain

Yours in Jesus,

A. W. LAMAR, President.

WM. HENRY STRICKLAND, Corresponding Secretary. Anderson, S. C., November 24th, 1880.

REPORT OF ACTING TREASURER OF EXECUTIVE BOARD.

A. W. LAMAR, Acting Treasurer, in acc't with the Executive Board Baptist Convention of South Carolina.

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1879.		Dr.			
Dec. 1.	" Foreign Mission Home Mission	nssionsons	124 14 $106 06$	1	41
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July I.	To balance due Tr e as	surer, (A. W. L.),			
				\$2681	35
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Nov. 22.	By C. A. Baynard "R. R. Vann, "E. H. Cuttino,		100 00) •	

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N. G. Cooner, W. B. Carson,

J. W. Bishop,

Nov. 22.	By J. H. Edwards, on acct., 1879	\$92	50		
" 26.	" J.O.B. Dargan, " " " "	40	00		
Dec. 6.	" W. T. Derieux. " " "	90	00		
	" J. K. Pace, " " "	108	84		
	" L. D. Bass, " " "	80	00		
" "	" T. M. Galphin " " "	45	00		
	" J. D. Simmons, " " "		00		
" 18.	" F. Jones, " " "		00		
" 6.	" Am. Bap. Publication Society, on acc't,		00		
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1880.	D T TT T1 1 0 D 1 TT 11 01 1 /				
Jan. 8.	By J. H. Edwards for Rock Hill Church,		30		
" 27.	" A. B. Hursey, on acc't 1879,	35	00		
Feb. 13.	" R. R. Vann, balance 1879,	114	25		
" 18.	" J. D. Simmons, balance 1879	45	00		
M'ch 4.	" S. M. Riaherdson, on acc't 1880,	10	31		
July 1.	"S. M. Richardson, " " "	$\overline{14}$			
Jan. 24.	" J. A. Hoyt, printing minutes,	87			
M'ch 11.	" Am. Bap. Publication Society, on acc't,	40			
" 11.	" G W Gardner for Languager Church	_			
	d. W. dardher, for Lancaster Ondrein,	25			
" 16. " "	II. Dibaddus, Statistical Secretary,	13			
	M. D. Dall, on acc t 1010,	25			
" 31.	" F. Jones, " " "	50			
" "	" M. L. Balı, " "	25			
April 6.	" N. G. Cooner, on acc't 1880,	16	20		
·" 9.	" J. W. Jones, for Cross Hill Church,	25	00		
"	" F. Jones, balance on 1879,	25	00		
June 2.	" M. D. Jeffries, on acc't 1880,	24	50		
" 1.	" A. E. McDowell, for L. Broaddus,		50		
" 18.	" C. T. Lowndes & Co., principal and int.,	208			
July 1.	"Travelling expenses non-resident mem-	200	00		
oury 1.	hora Executive Board	29	25		
1879.	bers Executive Board	20	20		
	Dr. C. T. Lawredge & Co. interest	17	70		
Dec. 9.	By C. T. Lowndes & Co., interest,	17	19		
1880.					
July 1.	By postage, printing, stationery, express,				
•	exchange and telegrams	69	63		
	" R. R. Vann, (1879),	15	00		
" "	" L. Broaddus, Statistical Secretary,	4			
"	" L. Broaddus, for Cross Hill Church,	11			
46 66	" J. D. Pitts, for Cross Hill Church,	25			
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	in tecepts 1021, 1001 and 1002,	50	00		
"	1879,	50			
"	Worthless pleages, (1019),	70	95		
	"Worthless pledge Little Stevens' Creek	0.0	00		
	Church, counted as cash,	20	00		
"	": A. W. Lamar, commissions on collections				
	for Home and Foreign Boards.	57	55		

 July 1.
 By Travelling expenses A. W. Lamar for December, 1879,......\$ 15 75

 " " A. W. Lamar, balance on services,......\$ 314 16
 \$1530 72

 \$2681 35

We have examined the above report and find it correct.

B. G. COVINGTON,
FRED'K JONES,
W. W. KEYS,
Auditing Committee.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF EXECUTIVE BOARD.

W. H. STRICKLAND, *Treasurer*, in account with the Executive Board Baptist State Convention of South Carolina:

1880.

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To receipts from							
Abbeville		ion			75		
Broad River	"			60	55		
Barnwell	"			259	10		
Charleston	"			626	66		
Chester	"			247	50		
Colleton	"			2	35		
Edisto	44			142	27		
Edgefield	"			539	84		
Fairfield	4.6			221	64		
Fork	4.6			61	52		
Greenville	"			335	57		
Lexington	4.6						
Moriah	"			84	05		
Twelve Mile	River "			9	75		
Orangeburg	"						
Pee Dee	"			29	08		
Piedmont	"			75	00		
Reedy River	"			414	60		
· Saluda	"			812	41		
Savannah Ri	ver "				58		
Santee	"		• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	230	00		
Spartanburg	"			254	84		
Union	44			133	-		
Welsh Neck	"	•••••	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	491			
Waccamaw	"		.	101			
York	4.4			250	00		
	Union			$\frac{250}{170}$			
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1880. Cr.

By paid T. P. Smith, McIver & Co. on acc't of interest		
advanced to C. T. Lowndes & Co. on note for 1878,	0.0	ക
per voucher No. 82,	23	03
By paid H. A. Tupper, Cor. Sec. For. Mission Board,		
on indebtedness of 1879, per voucher No. 83,	93	11
By paid E. W. Hicks, on 1879, voucher No. 77,	40	00
"J. M. Weaver, on " " 81,	25	00
" " Am. Bap. Pub. Soc on 1879, voucher No. 37,	26	24
" " C. A. Baynard, on 1879, " " 74,	50	00
" " C. A. Baynard, on 1879, " " 74, " " E. H. Cuttino, " " " 80,	50	00
O. 1. Downdes & Co. note on 1879, vouch. 80,	200	00
W. H. McIntosh, Cor. Sec., on 1879, 87,	79	54
" H. A. Tupper, Cor. Sec. For. Mission Board,		
voucher No. 10,	. 1	00
By paid W. H. McIntosh, Cor. Sec., &c.,	1	00
"J. W. Poore, for Rev. W. P. Martin, vouch. 14,	1	00
" Travelling expenses of non-resident members	_	
of Executive Board to meetings of Board, per		
	49	60
vouchers 65, 53, 24, 40, 63,	43	
By paid F. Jones, missionary, vouchers 12, 39,	100	00
" J. H. Edwards, " 8, 26, 41,	150	00
" " J. H. Booth, " " 22, 59,	112	50
" N. G. Cooner, " 16,43,50,79,85,	188	00
" " J. H. Edwards, " " 8, 26, 41," " " J. H. Booth, " " 22, 59, " " N. G. Cooner, " " 16,43,50,79,85, " " C. T. Scaife, " " 11, 45, " " R. J. Edwards, " " 19, 44,	50	00
" " R. J. Edwards, " " 19, 44,	50	00
" A. McA. Pittman, missionary, vouchers 35, 54,	150	00
" " M D Toffries missionary youchers 21 22		00
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r. r. novertson, 01,	170	00
" " A. Buist, " " 17,48,62,	100	00
" " J. D. Simmons, " " 25, 49,	50	00
" " A. P. Pugh, " " 28,	150	00
" " A. P. Pugh, " " 28," " 34,	55	35
" J. T. Hiers, missionary, vouchers 7, 29, 47, 74,	275	03
" R. R. Vann, miss'n'y, vouchers 5, 31, 52, 56, 60,.	300	00
" C. A. Baynard, missionary, vouchers 13, 51,	000	00
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By paid E. H. Cuttino, missionary, voucners 11, 20, 38,	050	00
46, 57, 101,		00
By paid G. W. Gardner, miss'n'y, vouchers 6, 27, 42, 84,	200	00
46, 57, 101,	100	00
" L. Broaddus, Stat. Sec., vouchers 15, 33, 64,	100	00
" " J. A. Brock, for copying book, voucher 3,	3	00
" "For Annotated Paragraph Bible	4	00
	-	00
For blank books, stationery, telegrams, postage,	60	16
express, &c., vouchers 2, 4, 18, 86, 1,		46
By paid travelling expenses of Corresponding Secretary,	233	72
" Salary of Corresponding Secretary, 6 months.		00
" J. W. Bishop, vouchers 9, 36, 98,	150	00
" " Missionaries Welsh Neck Association—		
J. O. B. Dargan, voucher 91,	30	00
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We have examined the above Treasurer's report and find it all correct, and accompanied by proper vouchers.

(Signed)

B. G. COVINGTON, F. JONES, W. W. KEYS, Auditing Committee.

REPORT ON CONSOLIDATION OF TREASURERS' REPORTS EXECUTIVE BOARD.

Your Committee on Accounts to whom was referred the work of consolidating the reports of Bro. Lamar, office Secretary, and Bro. Strickland,

Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer, report that they have accomplished that work as far as to receipts. It is as follows:

STATEMENT OF MONIES RECEIVED BY THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

Abbeville, \$113.25; Barnwell, \$465.26; Broad River, \$223.52; Charleston, \$1,123.52; Chester, \$331.84; Colleton, \$27.72; Edisto, \$227.87; Edgefield, \$524.46; Fairfield, \$247.26; Fork, \$61.52; Greenville, \$627.47; Lexington, ______; Moriah, \$124.95; Twelve Mile River, \$9.75; Orangeburg, \$26.00; Pee Dee, 259.58; Piedmont, \$109.40; Reedy River, \$558.65; Saluda River, \$1,162.92; Savannah River, \$753.96; Santee, \$392.40; Spartanburg, \$354.84; Union, \$201.30; Welsh Neck, \$862.00; Waccamaw, ______; York, \$260.00; Orangeburg Union, \$170.00. Total, \$7,599.02.

J. W. BISHOP, W. P. SMITH:

REPORT ON THE PRESENT CONDITION OF THE WORK.

Your Committee on the Present Condition of the State Mission Work find themselves embarrassed with the difficulty of confining their report to those subjects which will not trench upon the duties of the various other committees on this work. We can safely claim that State Missions has a very strong hold upon the sympathies of the pastors of the State, as well as upon the churches. It is no longer an experiment. The question is not now, "Can the State Mission work succeed?" It is a success, and commands the confidence of the denomination. While the contributions are not as large as could be desired, still they have been liberal, and have enabled the Board to do a good work. The work is prosecuted with energy and efficiency by the General Agent. He is the right man in the right place. On every side, so far as your Committee can see, there are encouraging indications. With the blessings of God, and the present judicious management of its affairs, the State Mission Board has opened to it a wider field of Christian labor.

W. D. RICE, Chairman.
J. S. JORDAN,
L. C. EZELL,
J. C. HUMPHRIES,
N. N. BURTON.

REPORT ON LAST YEAR'S WORK OF THE BOARD.

We, your Committee, beg leave to report: We are rejoiced to see the success that has crowned the efforts of the Board during the past year; and feel that they have acted wisely in securing the services of Bro. W. H. Strickland, as General Agent. The eminent success that has crowned his earnest efforts prove the wisdom of the action of the Board. Whereever he went he was met with enthusiasm. The brethren all over the State have nobly responded to his earnest appeals.

Respectfully submitted,

COMMITTEE.

REPORT ON INSTRUCTIONS ASKED FOR.

The Committee to whom was referred the instructions asked for by the State Board respectfully report, that they have carefully examined the report, and find no questions, or matters upon which instructions are asked, that have not already been referred to some other committees.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. THAYER, J. O. B. DARGAN, J. W. BISHOP, R. H. RILEY, O. F. GREGORY.

REPORT ON CASH PLAN.

Your Committee on Cash Plan of Executive Board beg leave to report: We have had this matter under careful consideration, and deem the cash plan a wise measure. We recommend: 1. Its adoption. 2. That the Executive Board be instructed to carry this plan into active operation as speedily as possible.

J. L. VASS, C. A. STILES, M. E. BROADDUS, H. C. SMART. T. P. BELL.

REPORT ON NEW FIELDS.

Your Committee respectfully report, that their attention has been directed to several new fields which are open to the Executive Board.

In the Edgefield Association, Vaucluse, Summer Hill and Hamburg present an opening for hopeful missionary labor. The three are contiguous. The first two are factory villages; the last named is becoming again a place of some activity. The Edgefield Association propose to co-operate with the Executive Board in sustaining a missionary in the field. It is

hoped an efficient man may be secured.

Varnville, Hoover's and Hampton C. H., in the Savannah River Association, on the Port Royal Railroad, call for aid, each to establish a church. The information the committee have been able to gather leads them to conclude that these places are too near each other to justify the Board in attempting to build up self-sustaining churches at each place; and the committee recommend that the Executive Board select the most hopeful. The committee take the liberty to suggest that it should be the policy of the Board to avoid placing, or encouraging the placing, of churches so near each other as to interfere with their efficiency.

At Allendale Depot, it is believed a promising field is open for mission-

arv work.

In the Moriah Association an inviting field lies waiting the services of

a general missionary.

The Welsh Neck Association has invited the Board to co-operate with

them in sustaining a missionary in a destitute region in the lower section of their territory. Your committee are of the opinion that the Board would do well to comply; and they suggest that the Board should aim generally at securing for their work the entire time of efficient men.

In view of the increased interest and generosity manifested by the churches toward State Missions, the committee recommend that the Executive Board push their work into the *many new fields* yet to be opened as rapidly as they can find the proper men.

JOHN STOUT, Chairman.

[The Report of the Committee on "Student Missionaries" has been mislaid by the printer. The report substantially was an approval of the employment of Student Missionaries, recommending its continuance.]

REPORT ON RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE STATE MISSION BOARD.

The recommendations of the Board were as follows: 1st. That the office of the Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer me made a bonded office; the officer being required to give bond in the sum of \$2,000 for the proper performance of his duties. 2d. That the salary of the Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer be fixed at \$1,500. 3d. That the time of meeting of the Oonvention be changed to Thursday before the second Sunday in December.

Concerning the first of these recommendations, your committee are of opinion that it is not desirable to require a bond of the Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer, because such a measure has never been found necessary in our past history; because it seems unreasonable to impose upon a brother who has not sought, but whom we have called to an office such a disagreeable necessity as this measure proposes; and because, if a loss should ever occur through the fault of this officer, it would be better that the loss should fall on the denomination than upon two or three brethren, who, for the sake of the cause, had put their names upon the officer's bond.

As to the second recommendation, we heartily agree that the salary of the Secretary should be \$1,500, that sum being barely sufficient for his support, and small enough remuneration for the great labor performed and valuable services rendered.

The third recommendation, proposing that the time of meeting of the Convention be changed to December, is not endorsed by your Committee. We are unanimously of opinion that the time should not be changed.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. CHAMBLISS, Chairman.

REPORT ON NOMINATION OF AN EXECUTIVE BOARD.

C. Manly, President; A. W. Lamar, Vice-President; J. A. Hoyt, Auditor; W. H. Strickland, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer; J. C. Smith, A. S. Townes, J. B. Patrick, J. L. Vass, T. P. Bell, L. C. Ezell, W. C. Lindsay, R. W. Sanders, Luther Broaddus.

LOCATION—Greenville.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN STOUT, I. W. WINGO, L. H. SHUCK, J. A. W. THOMAS,

TREASURER'S REPORT.

C. H. JUDSON, *Treasurer*, in account with the State Convention of the Baptist Denomination in South Carolina:

1879.	$D_{ m R}$.
Nov. 21.	To balance last report\$ 31 02
" 22.	" Dr. Timmerman\$ 2 50
" "	"Santee Association, per C. C. Brown, 27 18
	" Collected at Convention
	" J. B. Patrick
	" Padget's Creek Church per Ezell
	" Wassamaw " per E. H. Cuttino, 5 00
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	" Mrs. M. G. Harley 50 00
	" C. H. Judson
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REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ACCOUNTS.

The Committee on Accounts, to whom was referred the account of the Treasurer of the Convention, ask leave to report that they have carefully examined the account, and find it correct.

To balance on hand of last year \$31.02. By cash during this Conven-

tional year \$164.58. Making a total of \$195.60.

This amount has been disbursed as follows: To Bro McIntosh, Secretary of the Home Mission Board, \$177.70; to Bro Tupper, Secretary of

the Foreign Mission Board, \$17.90, leaving no balance on hand.

Your Committee would call attention to two typographical errors in last year's minutes. The report on accounts makes it to read \$81.02, and the Treasurer's report to read \$33.02, when it should have been \$31.02.

Submitted by Committee.

J. W. BISHOP, W. P. SMITH.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Give us the children and we will take care of the church, is the substance of a remark which has been ascribed to a Romish priest. The principle involved in the statement finds its fullest illustration in the work which forms the subject of this report. In the Sunday School we have a great feeder to the church. It is the garden wherein are sown the seeds which will hereafter yield rich fruit, to the Master's glory; there are implanted in the youthful heart those religious convictions, which will make our future men and women strong in the faith; those ideas and habits of systematic benevolence and of Christian activity are there formed, which will fructify in the support of our missionary and other Christian enterprises on a far grander scale than we have yet witnessed; in short, we may say, without exaggeration, that next to the direct preaching of the Word, the Sunday School is the hope of the church. How important, then, does it become that those engaged in this work should see to it that they teach the Bible; and that they should teach the truth, as we hold it, without fear or shrinking. "No dogma, no fruits! No positive, evangelical doctrine, no evangelization!" says a dignitary of the Established church. Can we, as Baptists, say less?

In connection with our report, it may not be amiss, in this centenary of Sunday school work, to indicate briefly some of the progress made in this

field of Christian labor.

In 1798, the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland issued a pastoral admonition, warning its clergy against the promoters of Sunday schools, on the ground of their being actuated by revolutionary sentiments, and being desirous of spreading disaffection among the people. To-day statistics show that in that land there are 542,505 teachers and scholars; and it is estimated that there over 100,00 schools, 1,500,000 of teachers, and 10,000,000 of scholars in the world. In our own land, there are reported 82,261 schools, 886,328 teachers, and 6,623,124 scholars, or a total of 7,509,452 persons connected with Sunday schools; and there are reported, from the schools in the United States, 20,000 conversions in

the year. These figures are encouraging, although in our opinion not

fully representing results.

And when we further consider the great impetus given to Bible study by reason of the Sunday school work; just compare, for example, a Sunday school teacher's Bible of to-day with the same of eight or ten years since; when we regard the varied literature, whether in form of direct helps to the teacher, or in other forms, which compares so favorably with other sorts of literature; and when we view the increasing interest in the work, as manifested in the daily enlarging number of Sunday School Institutes, Conventions, and Teachers' Meetings, all over the land, we begin to see the vast strides made in the past century. The Sunday school is also becoming a strong ally to the Foreign Mission work. Does the following remark of a Turkish Pasha suggest nothing in this direction, as well as in that of encouraging teachers nearer home? "When a girl," says he, "has come back from this American Mission Seminary, you should not say 'a girl,' but 'a school' has come." And I have seen it stated that in China, Greece, and Asia Minor, the children hum the airs, and sing the songs, we use in our schools. Truly the little acorn has become a great oak! What may we not anticipate in the next hundred years? In a work of such intrinsic importance, with a past so crowned with success; a present so full of encouragement; and a future so rich in promise, our watchword may well be, "Plus Ultra."

Respectfully submitted, D. T. SMITH.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

The Committee on Home Missions ask to submit the following: This Board, in view of the important interests confided to it by the Southern Baptist Convention, still claims and merits the confidence and generous support of Southern Baptists. True, a large portion of the work assigned to it is now supplied, or attempted to be supplied, by the State Boards. Yet there remains great, pressing and wide extended and still expanding work for the Home Mission Board in addition to the destitution in several of the States, a destitution increasing with increasing emigration, and

likely to continue for a long and indefinite period.

The mission among the Chinese of California calls loudly for prayerful sympathy and liberal contributions—sympathy and support which shall be fully commensurate with the exigencies of this new and interesting field. In the emigration of the Chinese to these shores, we behold a wonderful providence of God. We were slow in sending the gospel to these heathen; He, in whose hands are the destinies of the nations, is sending them to us. Shall they prove a blessing or a curse? The solution of this problem will depend, in a measure at least, upon what the Southern churches enable their Home Mission Board to do towards Christianizing these heathen now sojourning in teeming multitudes upon American shores.

Then the work among the Indians, interesting, attractive and important, but languishing for the want of means. Shall we, the occupants of the widespread and beautiful country—once the Indian's birthright, but wrested from him by violence and fraud—refuse to him the only boon in our power to bestow, "the glorious Gospel of the blessed God"? The

meagreness of our gifts in this direction cripple and retard the labors of the Board and cry out shame upon us all. It is gratifying to know that during a recent visit of the Corresponding Secretary to the Indian Territory an arrangement was made for the disbursement of \$10,000 for the

establishment of schools among the Creeks.

Lastly, what a Christian work is open before this Board among the millions of colored people thronging all around us. Nor let us be unmindful of the fact that here the Home and Foreign work unite and blend. The Chinaman, only a sojourner, sent here in God's providence to be Christianized, and return a beam of light and truth to the benighted of his own land. The African, if we are faithful in our obligations to him, will be a colaborer with us in sending the light of life to the "dark continent" whence he was brought to these States to receive the light, the liberty, the civilization given to the nations "through the faith which is in Christ Jesus."

Let us strengthen for their great work the hands of this Board by increasing sympathy, confidence and liberality. And let us pray with the ancient church, "God be merciful unto us, and bless us; and cause his face to shine upon us; That thy way may be known upon earth, thy saving health among all nations. Let the people praise thee, O God; let all

the people praise thee."

J. O. B. DARGAN, L. BROADDUS, A. W. LAMAR.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

If the spirit of missions be the soul of Christianity, that religion represented by the bulk of Southern Baptists has yet to establish its claim to that title. Any, the most careful, review of the subject compels the conclusion that while the outlook is good, the inlook is bad. The Southern white Baptists, numbering over half a million, have now in the foreign field 32 missionaries and 15 assistants, 47 all told. Of these there are 27 in China, 6 in Africa, 13 in Italy, 1 in South America. They cost us \$50,000 a year—about 9 cents per member. O, arithmetic! thou pearl of cosmetics! how thou dost redden the cheeks of the saints!

The Free Churches of England, Scotland, and Germany, (sic), give to this work \$1.00 per member, the Protestants of America give it 11 cents per member, while the Baptists of the South (including white and black) give one postage stamp per member. Verily, it would seem that we are

the Sick Man of Christendom!

How do we account for this spiritual paralysis? The Southern Baptists are a God-fearing people and rich; the field is open and inviting; every dollar invested is bringing in immense returns; all the conditions are favorable, and all the results are satisfactory. Why, then, do we not grapple more honestly, and with real moral earnestness, this vast and inspiring work? That is the question vital to us, for upon its right solution hangs the progress if not the life of us; and we think it can be rightly solved only by looking into the naked truth of things, and giving a wide berth to precedent.

Let it be remembered, that only a few, relatively a very few, of our

people know anything about this work, and are taught to support it, and that few—barring the ever-lessening sanctimonious crew who lounge in luxurious ease about their home altar fires, while the shivering, throbbing mass of unsaved millions is stiffening stark in icy death—do support it, not grandly, not heroically, but comparatively well. And we conclude, therefore, the conclusion forces itself upon us, that the uncounted host of us who are ignorant of this work, and their relations to it, would, if enlightened about it, support it equally as well. The question, then, narrows itself: How can we reach and enlighten these? Before we can answer that we must first answer these two: Where are these people? they unenlightened? They are mostly in the rural districts—our numerical strength lies there and not in the cities—we are the Sleeping Giant of the Woods. And they are unenlightened because they have an inefficient and unelightened ministry. We are not so rash as to affirm that we have not a larger number of efficient ministers in the country than in the cities -nor do we regret that this is so; but we do affirm that the rural districts are afflicted by a great number of inefficient ministers, who keep the churches in Cimmerian darkness on great and living religious issues. And it is our profound conviction that this unhappy and deplorable result is the natural and necessary consequence of our system of church extension. What is that system? The very head and front of its ambition is to organize on every hill-top, in every valley, by every streamlet, an infantile church, too weak to employ an efficient minister, and compelled, therefore, to push some efficient layman, but inefficient as a preacher, into their pulpit and his grave—requiescut in pace! The curtain rises in the last act of the drama upon a dead church, the light of the chosen gone out, the unuttered spirit-yearnings not answered—darkness on the face of the deep. Verily, verily, this, to our thinking, is the blackest tragedy now being enacted by us in the Kingdom of God!

We return prepared now to our original question—a question which assumes in this lurid light an awful majesty and meaning: How are we to reach and enlighten these unfortunates? We answer plainly—God

give it emphasis!—by consolidating the churches.

We have no authority for resorting to compulsory measures to effect the consolidation of existing churches; but we can use persuasive measures with these, and make consolidation our guiding principle in all our future operations in the department of Church Extension. Our conviction is unalterable that the adoption of this principle, so feasible and so penetrating, will pour down upon both church and ministry untold blessings. It will reset the Apostolic landmark of laypreaching, now so universally ignored, by retaining those whom our present system encourages to become inefficient ministers in their normal and natural position, viz: efficient laymen preaching the Gospel. It will secure the support of the ministry; and the support of the ministry, be it known, is essential to the complete and loving promulgation of the truth; for, to a people who are habitually violating their most sacred pledges to their pastor, few men have the courage to declare the whole counsel of God and the grace to give the whole love of the heart.

"Fewer and Stronger Churches"—chisel that over the doorway of every Baptist propaganda. In each community plant one strong church

with its many out-lying stations, all under the training and supervision of one live and efficient pastor and our mission presses shall burst out with new wine, and the wilderness shall blossom as the rose, and the glory of a Transfiguration light up the long night of heathendom.

There are other agencies which conduce in a greater or less degree to this much desired result. We mention the deepening interest among the religious newspaper and the Agent: they do well, but not the best; in the nature of the case they cannot do the best. The presence of the Agent is temporary, he is a stimulus but not a tonic, and the disease being chronic demands continuous as well as skillful treatment. He may revive them for a time, but it is the flush of fever and not the rosy hue of vigorous health. The religious newspaper is a medicine potent for the cure of apathy and ignorance, but the patient, and especially our patient, won't take it! They must be, and under the plan we suggest, they can be, enlightened by the living voice of the resident pastor.

Your Committee beg leave to suggest a remedy which, if not new, has not as yet been faithfully and systematically tried, viz: The regular presence of returned missionaries in our Associational and Conventional gatherings and churches. If one-seventh of our English-speaking missionaries were ordered home annually, and required to visit the churches and gatherings of our people, it would bring us into personal contact with them all once in seven years and, we think, add greatly to our treasury

and their life-work.

W. C. LINDSAY, A. B. WOODRUFF.

REPORT OF CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF WOMAN'S MISSION SOCIETIES.

The Central Committee of Woman's Mission Societies respectfully report that during the Convention year now closing they have received from the Societies co-operating with the Committee, \$1,294.27. This amount is in advance of receipts for the Convention year of 1879 by \$529.65. The increase occurring mainly in the last two quarters. The number of Societies contributing is about the some as last year. Several new and quite efficient ones are on the list, but a few with us last year

are not contributing now.

The Committee desire to return their thanks to the pastors who have so efficiently helped them. The names of several might be mentioned to whose influence the increased interest and the larger contribution of this year are largely due; and they would again appeal, through the Convention, to the pastors not yet in practical sympathy with them for aid in this their labor of love. Will they not inform the women of their charges as to the objects and method of Woman's Mission work? Will they not encourage them to organize Societies, and to give regularly to the work? They beg leave to remind their brethren—

(1) That to make *special* efforts to save and sanctify the mothers of China is Christian duty and sound missionary policy. Their pitiable state of degradation and practical enslavement render them a marked object for Christian sympathy. Mothers there, as here, are the best hope

for Christian families, and until Christianity becomes family religion in China, its growth must be slow and ever dependant upon foreign help.

- (2) Missionary women are an acknowledged need in Mission work in China, where the importance of reaching the women with the Gospel is recognized by all missionaries on the field—for missionary women alone can have access to the women in their homes.
- (3) The work of woman for woman—the Christian for the heathen—is an acknowledged success in China. Of the twelve missionaries of the Southern Baptist Convention in China, eight are women, four of them unmarried. And to the self-denying toil, and efficiency of these women, their brethren missionaries give unanimous testimony.
- (4) Christian women feel disposed to help their sisters who are engaged in this work—a work that in its object and methods makes strong appeals to their sympathy, and that offers them opportunity to give testimony, in a practical and appropriate way, of the gratitude which the Christian woman feels for being redeemed from the heathen woman's fate.
- (5) It is the special work of this Committee to open a channel for the offerings that may flow from the pity and grateful love of the Baptist women of South Carolina toward this work in China.
- (6) The Committee are not engaged in an independent enterprise. They are the appointees of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, endeavoring to collect funds especially for the support of one of the missionaries of that Board—our own Miss Whilden.
- (7) The Societies they represent ask only closer relations with their churches and a full share of pastoral care.

The Committee desire to keep near the local Societies. To this end they beg that contributions may be sent directly from the Societies to the Committee. They want, as a reward, the pleasant correspondence had with many dear sisters in Christ. Let letters be written; great pleasure will be taken in replying.

The plan of having a lady helper in each Association the Committee wish to extend. Ladies who have been representing the Committee in certain Associations have been quite successful in eliciting and sustaining interest, but in some cases reports indicate something worse than indifference prevailing—actual anti.missionary sentiment. The Committee feel a peculiar interest in the Societies that are striving under such discouragement and opposition to "let their light shine."

The increase in contributions, and the urgent need for more laborers have impressed the Committee with the thought that the Master would have another of their sisters go to China. They ask the Convention to unite with them in prayer that He would call whom He will to this great honor. Surely we who remain will care for her support. Address all correspondence, as heretofore, to Miss M. E. McIntosh, Corresponding Secretary, Society Hill, S. C.

REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

The Committee on Obituaries report the following as having finished their ministry since our last session:

REV. JAS. C. COVINGTON.—This beloved brother fell asleep in Jesus January 8th, 1880, at the early age of 40. He was born in Richmond County, N. C. In early life he became pious, united with the church, and when about 20 was licensed to preach. He soon after came to Marlboro, where the balance of a most consistent Christian life was spent in the service of Christ, enjoying the confidence and love of all who knew him, ministering to various churches around so far as his feeble constitution permitted. His end was peace, triumphing in the faith of the Gospel.

ELDER THOMAS DAWSON was born in Dorsetshire, England, March 4th. 1790. His father, Joseph Dawson, was pastor of the Baptist church in the village where Thomas was born. His grandfather, Isaac Dawson, was a deacon of the church and lived to be 99. His great grandfather was a member of the church at Ashford, Kent, of which church Anna Askew, who was burned as a Baptist, was also a member. For a short time our brother held a commission in the British army. On the 1st day of October, 1815, he was baptized at Portsea. Retiring from the army, he attended school in Boston, Lincolnshire, and in 1818 he came to America, where he soon found friends and employment. In January, 1819, he was appointed a missionary to the Cherokee Indians in North Carolina, and in February of that year was ordained to the Gospel ministry in Washington City, by Luther Rice, Obadiah Brown and John Culpeper, Sr. After several year's service among the Indians, and when they were about to be removed, he came to the mountain region of our own State and spent about twenty years laboring in the cause of the Master without fee or reward. From thence to the low country and wherever a door opened he went preaching Jesus, till the infirmities of age disabled him from active labor. We can all remember his meekness and patience, amid the adversities and trials of these late years, as he lingered upon the shores of time awaiting his Master's call. At length on the 29th day of June, 1880, in the town of Pendleton, S. C., in his 91st year, the summons came; and he had but to recline his hoar head upon the Redeemer's bosom and fall asleep in the everlasting arms.

REV. J. C. BURGE died at his home in York County, S. C., in June, 1880. He was a North Carolinian by birth, was educated at Furman University and at the University of Virginia. Brother B. was a good preacher, a man of fine sense and earnest piety. He died in the faith of

the pure and was buried in the Rock Hill Cemetery.

James W. Burn was born in Marlboro County, S. C., January 10, 1808. He united with the church at Cheraw in the Summer of 1835, and after serving most acceptably in the deaconship for several years, he was ordained to the Gospel ministry and to the pastorship of the Cheraw Church in 1849. Retiring from this pastorate when he found that his place could be supplied by one whose educational advantages had been better than his, he took charge of churches in the country. In 1850 the church at Hartsville was organized under his ministry, and from the first to the day of his death, with the exception of a single year, he was their honored pastor, and under his ministry the church grew to be one of the

most efficient in the country. Devout, conscientious, earnest, liberal, consecrated, his fine sense, superior judgment, and cheerful spirit, made him a favorite with his brethren and neighbors, and eminently useful in the cause of Jesus. His end was a fitting close to a life full of useful work. With calm composure he breathed his last in the bosom of his family, surrounded by the friends he loved, on the Sabbath eve at Society Hill, August 1st, 1880, and was buried in the cemetery at Hartsville at the request of the church he had so long and so faithfully served. "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints."

REV. JOHN GIBBS died at his home in Union County, S. C., September 23rd, 1880. Bro Gibbs was an earnest, laborious servant of Christ. It was his constant prayer that he might be acknowledged of his Master as a useful instrument in bringing souls to the Saviour, and in order that such an end might be accomplished he was found working in the highways and hedges of earth. He often preached to weak and poor churches, such as were not able to remunerate him for his time, and having a strong and vigorous body he labored with his own hands that the Gospel might

be given to the "common people who heard him gladly."

JUDSON GIBBS was a noble man, with a consecrated heart and sprightly mind, giving great promise of usefulness—just entering upon his chosen work when God asked him to preceed his father to his home on high, and "he leaned his head on Jesus' breast and breathed his life out sweetly

there."

REV. S. B. WILKINS for nearly forty years was actively engaged in ministerial work in our State. After a long life of usefulness and piety, in the 79th year of his age, on April 11th, 1879, he entered into rest. He was a man of earnestness and humility. Not an earnestness that was spasmodic, but a present, burning flame. Humble, in that he esteemed others better than himself. But he was especially a man of faith and prayer. He gave himself to Christ by faith, and lived as seeing Him that was invisible; lived in the atmosphere of prayer, and believed in its power and efficacy; and over all he had the spirit of charity and patience.

Brother Stephen C. Bishop, of the Charleston Association, died in July, 1880. Was a minister of the Gospel for fifty years, and for a long

time the only Baptist preacher within an area of many miles

REV. T. M. DODD, of the Colleton Association, fell asleep in Jesus, October, 1880. He was born in South Carolina. Was an earnest worker in the cause of Christ to within three months of his death, His illness was long and painful, but exhibited entire resignation to the Master's will, and steadfast faith in the Lord Jesus.

REV. JAMES E. HINSON, another venerable minister of Charleston Association has passed away. He was for many years a missionary of that body—a laborious, useful worker in the Master's vineyard, bringing fruit even to old age.

BROTHER N. FUNDERBURK, of the Moriah Association, died February 29, 1880. In early life he served churches, but for many years was too

feeble to preach.

ELDER'S. J. FINCHER, a native of Mecklenburg, N. C., died in Chesterfield, S. C., August 29, 1880. For twenty years he was a minister, and pastor in the Moriah Association, where his labors were acceptable and blest in building up the cause of Christ.

J. A. W. THOMAS, Chairman.

STATISTICS.

ASSOCIATIONS.	Churches.	New Churches.	Baptisms.	Net Gain.	Net Loss.	Total Membership.	Number in Sunday Schools.		Pastor's Salary.		State Missions.		Home Missions.		roreigu missions.	Other purposes.	•
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Moriah			129			2334	500		1625		104 00	1			00	1306	00
Orangeburg			4	7		1327	500		690		183 00		4 00				••••
Pee Dee	25	2	28		2	2073	587		1465		44 00	5			00		
Piedmont		•••	44		12	1185	487		465		93 00	2			00		
Reedy River		•••	95		18	2804	1000		4151		550 00		5 00		00	3431	
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^{*}Estimated.

PROPORTION OF BAPTISTS TO THE POPULATION.

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The State	7	600	1303
Abbeville	9	775	1481
Aiken	6	498	975
Anderson	5	586	1584
Barnwell	4	346	814
Beaufort			
Charleston	39	2380	6187
Chester	7	636	1527
Chesterfield	12	950	2375
Clarendon	10	900	6282
Colleton	6	486	1215
Darlington	5	540	1175
Edgefield	6	433	1144
Fairfield	10	491	1377
Georgetown			
Greenville	4	635	1436
Hampton			
Horry			
Kershaw	6	563	1975
Lancaster	6	721	1587
Laurens	5	692	2944
Lexington	13	855	5557
Marion	8	610	3175
Marlboro	10	1000	4000
Newberry	11	1000	2745
Oconee	6	385	700
Orangeburg			
Pickens	5	400	1335
Richland	15	918	2297
Spartanburg	4	600	1883
Sumter	10	906	1994
Union	6	478	2631
Williamsburg	23	975	1950
York	18	1516	5558

There are only 21 churches that have preaching every Sunday, and, only 93 others that have it on Sunday oftener than once a month.

The largest number of Baptisms is reported by the churches of the Greenville Association; one church in that body reporting 100 and another 82.

The largest average contributions for all purposes are reported from the Citadel Square Church, Charleston, being an average of over \$38 per member. The average contributions throughout the State have been for State Missions 13 4-5 cents per member, Home Missions 3 2-3 cents, Foreign Missions 8 4-5 cents—total for Missions 26 1-3 cents per member;

for Pastor's Salary 1 15-100, and for all purposes about \$2 per member.

OTHER DENOMINATIONS.

The two other leading denominations in the State are the Methodists and Presbyterians. There are 44,944 Methodists or one in 9 of the population, and they contributed to Missions last year \$7,769 or $17\frac{1}{2}$ cents per member; 11,546 Presbyterians or one in 32 of the inhabitants, and they contributed to their Sustentation and Evangelistic fund \$47,361, or over \$4 per member.

All the figures in this report have reference only to the whites.

MINISTERS' NAMES AND POST-OFFICES.

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CONSTITUTION.

WE, the representatives of the constituent bodies of the State Convention of the Baptist Denomination of South Carolina, do agree upon the following Articles, as forming the annexed Constitution of the Convention, and the basis of the union:

ARTICLE I.

This body shall be styled the State Convention of the Baptist Denomination in South Carolina.

ARTICLE II.

The grand object of this Convention shall be, the union of the Baptists throughout the State in efforts for the spread of the Gospel in all lands.

The Convention, though not unwilling to give advice in cases of difficulty, yet will claim to itself no power to lord it over God's heritage, believing that the right of government, under Christ, is vested in the Churches themselves.

The special objects which this Convention will undertake to promote, shall be the preaching of the Gospel in destitute portions of the State, (to be known as State Missions); the distribution of Bibles and Testaments; the work of Colportage; and the interests of Sunday Schools, and Foreign and Domestic Missions.

ARTICLE III.

The special objects named in the foregoing Article shall be entrusted to an Executive Board, consisting of a President, a Vice-President, a Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer, an Auditor, and nine other members. The said Board shall be appointed annually by this Convention, and the President of this Convention shall be ex officio a member of said Board. Five members of the Board shall constitute a quorum. The Corresponding Secretary shall be the Executive Officer of the Board. The said Board shall have authority to fill any vacancies occurring in its own body. It shall act under the general directions of the Convention, and shall make an annual Report to the same. The Treasurer shall make an annual Report of receipts and disbursements. Besides the special objects entrusted to the Board, it shall also have authority to represent the Convention in all matters requiring attention, while the Convention is not in session.

ARTICLE IV.

The Convention shall consist of Delegates from the several Eaptist Associations in this State who may approve of the measures here adopted; and from other religious bodies of the Baptist connection, concerned in the promotion of the same objects with the Convention.

Each Association shall be entitled to five delegates, irrespective of money contributions, and to one additional delegate for each twenty dol-

lars contributed since the last session of the Convention to the work of State Missions; and any Baptist Church, Sunday School, Missionary or Education Society, or individual, shall be entitled to one delegate for each twenty dollars contributed as aforesaid for the purpose named: Provided, That every such delegate shall be a white member of some Baptist church in this State or vicinity. The delegates shall be chosen annually, and satisfactory evidence of their appointment shall be exhibited to the Convention.

ARTICLE V.

The Convention shall have a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, and Treasurer. The duties severally assigned to the officers of similar organizations shall devolve on those of this body, and they shall hold their offices for one year, or until their successors are appointed, unless forfeited by unrighteous conduct.

ARTICLE VI.

The support of an Institution of Learning in this State shall be considered as a primary object. One of the designs of this Institution is to assist those who, in the judgment of their churches, are called to preach the Gospel, that they may "study to show themselves workmen approved unto God, that need not be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." Those of this character who need pecuniary aid, may receive it, at the discretion of the Executive Board, from funds appropriated to this object. The government of this Institution shall be committed to a Board of Trustees, to be elected by the Convention at the end of every fourth year.

ARTICLE VII.

Ministers of the Gospel in any of our churches needing aid in the more necessary part of learning, and unable to attend at the Institution, may be furnished with a supply of the most useful books from the general fund for educational purposes.

ARTICLE VIII.

This Convention will receive contributions, legacies and bequests for the several objects which it has in charge. And the right of conducting the business of such funds will be considered as vested exclusively in the representatives of bodies which do regularly contribute.

All moneys specially appropriated shall be sacredly applied to the objects designated; but when any contributions or bequests are made without any specific designation, discretion in their application shall be

exercised by the Convention or the Executive Board.

ARTICLE IX.

The Treasurer shall take charge of all moneys and other assets belonging to the Convention, and keep separate account of the amounts contributed for different objects, and render regular accounts of them to the Convention at its stated meetings, and also to the Executive Board, when called upon to do so. He shall be elected by the Convention at its stated meeting, and shall hold his office until the last day of the next meeting, and until another shall be elected and enter upon the duties of his office. He shall pay no money out of the funds but by order of the Convention or Executive Board, signed by the presiding officer. And should the said office become vacant by death, resignation or removal, the said vacancy shall be filled by an election by the Executive Board, and the person so elected shall hold his office until the next stated meeting of the Convention, and until another shall be elected.

ARTICLE X.

The Convention shall have annual meetings; but in cases of important concern, the President may, at the instance of the Executive Board, call a special meeting.

ARTICLE XI.

Any alteration which experience may prove to be necessary, may be made in these Articles, by the concurring vote of two-thirds of the members present at an annual meeting.



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